

**Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny
Committee (JHOSC)**

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Healthy Communities Collaborative

**Building Leadership Capacity to
Promote Healthier Communities**

Report of the Head of Overview and Scrutiny

Purpose

1. To inform members of a proposal to run a local leadership capacity event with a focus on promoting healthier communities. This event will target executive (DCC Cabinet), non executive (Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny) and non executive directors in the NHS. **(Note a total of up to 30 places only will be available)**

Background

2. The Healthy Communities Programme aims to support and build the capacity of local authorities working within their communities to:
 - tackle local health inequalities
 - provide leadership to promote well being
 - foster a joined-up approach to health improvement across local government itself and through partnership working with local health organisations, the voluntary and community sector, the private sector and other key local partners
 - improve the impact of LSPs and LAAs on the health and wellbeing of the local community.
3. The programme will aim to support elected members and non executive directors in the NHS to:
 - Gain an overview of the national policy framework for improving health and tackling health inequalities
 - Establish a consensus on what is Health Inequalities
 - Understand what needs to be done and what the challenges are
 - Focus on outcomes, in particular for the most at risk of poor health
 - Share experiences ,local practice and learning
 - Build an understanding of how to influence change and deliver healthy public policy
 - Look at examples of good practice in improving health of local communities.

4. The programme (please see attached) will be delivered over 4 half day workshops (9am to 1pm) between March and April 2009. Members are asked to note the following dates and contact the Head of Overview and Scrutiny to express an interest:
 - Workshop 1: Friday 13 March
 - Workshop 2: Friday 20 March
 - Workshop 3: Friday 3 April
 - Workshop 4: Friday 17 April

5. The programme has been developed in partnership with NHS County Durham (PCT), Durham County Councils Adult and Community Services, the Public Health Resource Unit , Skills for Health (both national agencies) and Durham County Councils Overview and Scrutiny Unit. The programme is being funded by County Durham's Health and Well Being Partnership.

Recommendation

6. Members are asked to note the development of a leadership capacity initiative that will aim to promote healthier communities.

7. Members are asked to express an interest in the programme by contacting the Head of Overview and Scrutiny. There will be approximately 15 places available for the JHOSC.

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